

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 36-70 remain in this application. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2-35 have been cancelled. Claims 36-70 have been added. Initially, the Applicant would like to express its gratitude toward the Examiner for taking the time to discuss the present application by telephone prior to this submission.

Claims 1-35 are rejected under various prior art grounds. Specifically, Claim 1 presently stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Goshey. Claims 2-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goshey in view of Kennedy or over Goshey and Kennedy in view of Edlund. In order to expedite allowance, Claim 1 has been amended to now include a recitation of a device manager "adapted to approve requests to read or send data to remote devices and to control accessibility to said remote devices" and the remaining rejected Claims 2-35 are being cancelled herein, without disclaimer and without prejudice. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these rejections are now moot.

Claims 36-69 have been added to clarify certain features of the subject matter being claimed. The limitations in these new claims are not disclosed or suggested in Goshey, Kennedy, or Edlund (whether alone or in combination). For example, certain new claims are directed to the "controlling/brokering" features of the device manager discussed in pages 18 to 20 of the present specification and, further, to the off-loading of tasks from the thin client to a server. The tasks include driver services for devices locally connected to the thin client (or Human Interface Device). Indeed, unlike the present invention, the cited references are totally unconcerned with the limitations imposed on a thin client (e.g., cannot be embedded with a plurality of device drivers) or controlling and/or operating a plurality of devices locally connected with the thin client by a user on the thin client.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 36-69 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is

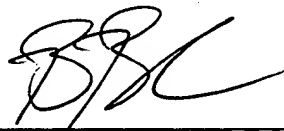
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respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited.

To the extent it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$768.00 (\$750.00 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16(c) and 1.17(e) and \$18.00 for the later presentation of one total claim in excess of twenty) and any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

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